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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

IN RE: Docket No. 96-45, FCC 03-249, released on October 27, 2003
Certification For New Rate Comparability Review For Non-Rural Carriers Serving In
Rural Areas

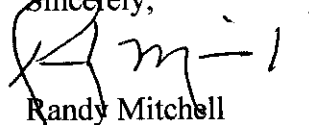
Dear Secretary Dortch:

This is to certify that residential rural rates for non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers in South Carolina are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide. The highest tariffed rates for flat rate local residential service in South Carolina as of July 1, 2005 are below the safe harbor rate of \$34.21. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, you may contact Mr. Douglas K. Pratt of our advisory staff at (803) 896-0028 or by email at Douglas.Pratt@psc.sc.gov.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


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